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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b))

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner. At least some of the references were recently cited in an International Search Report mailed August 23, 2001.

Applicant hereby brings attention to the Examiner that they have commonly assigned co-pending application s, Serial No. 09/624267, filed July 24, 2000 and Serial No. 09/745687, filed December 22, 2000 and the references listed were cited in the afore-mentioned case.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted before the mailing date of a first Office Action on-the-merits. Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2), a copy of each document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is provided. Enclosed for the Examiner's information is a copy of the International Search Report.

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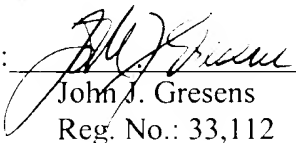
Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

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Respectfully submitted,

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	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION	
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	T.M. Clayton, et al., "Analysis and Interpretation of Mixed Forensic Strains Using DNA STR Profiling", Forensic Science International, vol. 91, 1998, pages 55-70
	P. Gill, et al., "Interpreting Simple Mixtures Using Allele Peak Areas", Forensic Science International, vol. 91, January 9, 1998, pages 41-53
	P. Gill, "An Assessment of the Utility of Singlenucleotide Polymorphisms (SNPs) for Forensic Purposes", International Journal of Legal Medicine, vol. 114, April, 2001, pages 204-210



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